the question arose as to whether in a strike which for purposes of argument I concede now is a legal strike,—whether an abandonment of work under the plea of that abandonment is under a legal strike, would be a sufficient excuse. Considerable doubt has been expressed on that point; that if a person goes on a legal strike, the authority cannot compel him to do the work. In order to ensure the continuity of service and in order to clarify that, this amending Bill has been brought up.

Next, Sir, as I instanced the case of the Electrical Department there was failure of conciliation. There was strike and the strike ended in failure. The demand that was put forward by the Labour Union did not end in any relief to the labourers, nor were the demands satisfied. Now with the amendments proposed, the balance will be restored. Abandonment of work even under plea of legal strike, shall not be accepted. He should attend to work and at the same time make it obligatory on the Government to refer such disputes in connection with the strike either to Conciliation Board or to a Tribunal. I want to emphasise this point. On the one hand, powers will be given to Government to continue the services by not accepting the plea of reasonableness, when the plea of reasonableness is that it is a legal strike. On the other hand, since they have no deciding way out of the difficulty, it makes it obligatory on the Government to refer such dispute which ended in a strike either to a Conciliation Board or to a Tribunal.

I believe Sir, the House will readily concede the reasonableness and the necessity of this important measure both in the interest of continuing the essential services to the community as well as protecting the rights of labour. When I referred to the Bill, I have also generally referred to the proposed amendments.

With these few words, I request that the amendments proposed may be considered by the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

"That the Mysore Essential Services Maintenance (Amendment) Bill, 1956, be taken into consideration."

Let us continue it tomorrow. It is 5 O'Clock.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—We do not want to hustle through this Bill. We want a reasonable support from all sections of the House. A few members may speak on this Bill now and then we can adjourn.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—We want to say something on this Bill. But I am not prepared to say anything just now since it is the fag end of the day.

Sri K. S. VASAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—Sir, the Hon'ble Minister has already pointed out that this piece of legislation is very small. But it will have far-reaching consequences. Now that it is before the House for consideration, discussion on the consideration motion may be taken up tomorrow or at a later date.

Mr. SPEAKER —The suggestion is that we may sit a little late now, so that tomorrow we can save a lot of time for other work.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—If there is no proper opportunity for us to make our observations, we will not take part in this Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You should not non-cooperate with the Government. If you non-cooperate, you will not serve the purpose for which you are here.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Anyhow, the Government have a steam-roller majority.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Sir, I have given reasons. I shall be glad to give careful consideration for the reasons that they may advance.

Business of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Leader of the opposition wanted to know the programme for the rest of the Session.

Programme of business for the next five days will be as follows. This has been finalised after consultation with the Government, the Leader of the Opposition and certain other Members.

(MR. SPEAKER.)

Wednesday 26th—

Legislative business (carried over from today)

Resolution regarding ratification of the Constitution (Seventh Amendment) Bill.

Consideration of Finance Enquiry Committee Report.

Thursday 27th—

Voting of Demands for Additional and Supplementary Grants.

If there is time, further consideration of Finance Enquiry Committee Report.

Friday 28th—

Consideration of Reports of the Public Accounts Committee.

Saturday 29th—

Voting of Demands for Excess Grants. Appropriation Bill on Additional Grants. Other Legislative Business.

Monday 1st October—

Appropriation Bill on Excess Grants; Other Legislative Business.

Cut motions on Demands for Additional grants may be sent to the Office before 3 P.M. tomorrow. I may mention that, in respect of the main demands, we have more or less evolved the wholesome practice of debating the demands themselves without moving any cut motions and the same practice could well be adopted in respect of the additional grants also.

The House will now adjourn and meet at Twelve tomorrow.

The House adjourned at Five of the Clock to meet again at Twelve of the Clock the next day Wednesday, the 26th September 1956.